

BODDIE HOUSE

HABS NO. GA-1143 HABS

7 Mi. from LAGRANGE TOWARD GREENVILLE, GEORGIA

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7 Mi. from LaGrange toward Greenville, Troup Co., Georgia

Owner: Miss Belle Boddie and Miss Van Boddie who occupy place.

Date of Erection: 1836.

Architect and Builder: Cullen Rodgers.

Present Condition: Fair to poor. The narrow lean-to rooms in the rear have been widened and roof raised during present generation closing the rear upstair windows.

Number of Stories: Two. Faces South.

Materials of Construction: Brick foundation (piers). Wood construction throughout with exception of plaster on walls in the two side front rooms downstairs. Shingle roof.

Other Existing Records: Troup County History by Cliff Smith. Page 190.

Additional Data: Two story portico with four Ionic columns with wider spacing at center supporting a pediment. Columns have solid base; fluting above in separate pieces from center to center of fillet. Cantilevered balcony with elliptical fanlight doorway above and below. Wood paneled wainscot and wood walls, except as noted above, and wood ceilings. Rooms up-stairs facsimile to rooms immediately below in every particular.

Built by Nathan Van Boddie, grandfather of present occupants. He came from Nash County, North Carolina. Next owned by Dr. Thomas Alfred Boddie, his son.

During the War Between the States the Union Soldiers were restrained from burning this house by their officer on seeing the Masonic Symbol of the arch keystone, according to Miss Boddie.

This house stood on the highway, and the stage line from Griffin, Ga. to Montgomery, Ala. stopped and changed horses here, and to accommodate travelers Mrs. Boddie served meals in a dining room 20' x 40' built on at the back for the purpose. The kitchen was separate. Kitchen was in yard. There were two large, nicely finished rooms - one was the kitchen - other the weaving room - in which was woven cloth for clothes for the slaves. Cloth suited for winter of wool and summer of cotton.

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